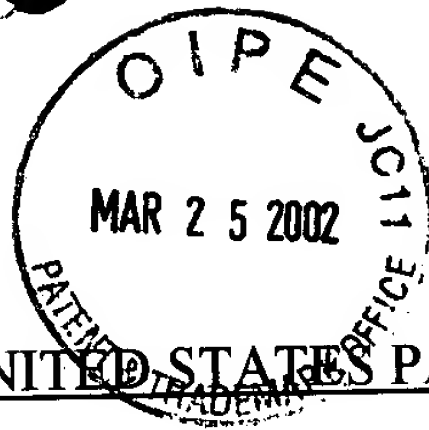


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 10) mailed February 13, 2002. The response is submitted on or before March 13, 2002, making this a timely response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68970-1/DJB/RMS).

REMARKS

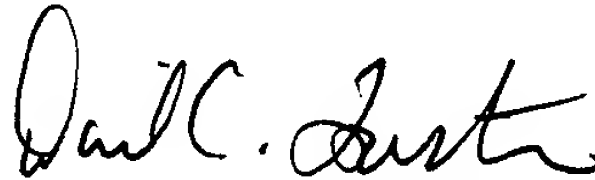
Claims 1-26 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to Group I (Claims 1-13), and Group II (Claims 14-26).

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II (Claims 14-26) drawn to a method of hybridization of nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6, for further prosecution. Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer Claims 1-13 as being drawn to the non-elected invention.

An appendix showing the current pending claims is attached herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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